

EARLY SLOPER REFERENCE

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I found this piece in a bundle of material that Rosemary Smith loaned me from her personal files. It was probably used by Sloper for advertising to customers. The year of the extract from the Times is not known but appears to predate the introduction of perfins and probably dates from 1866 as shown by the date cancellation and the Walbrook House address.

From "The Times," August 14th.

FEES IN PUBLIC OFFICES.—An Act of Parliament has just been issued to provide for the collection of fees in public departments and offices by means of stamps. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury are empowered, by notice in the *London Gazette*, to declare and appoint the time when all or any of the fees for the time being payable in money in any public department or office connected with the public service, or to the officers thereof, shall be collected by means of stamps. No such notice is to be published with respect of fees payable in the offices of Her Majesty's Duchy or County Palatine of Lancaster without the consent of the Chancellor of the same. Regulations are to be made as to the use of the stamps issued, and the manner in which they are to be cancelled. Separate accounts are to be kept of the money received for stamps, and to be laid before Parliament.

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